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## Freedom Fitness Facility introduces the "Tots in Tow" Program

It is now easier for "tot towing" parents to get in a quick workout at the Bamberg Freedom Fitness Facility (FFF). The Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation has established a family fitness area in the FFF for participants in the new "Tots in Tow" program.

Ten different pieces of cardiovascular exercise equipment have been placed on the second floor at the far end of the indoor track for use by parents with infants/toddlers three years of age and under.

To be authorized to use the equipment in the "Tots in Tow" area, parents must stop by the FFF to sign-up and attend a brief orientation that includes an explanation of the program guidelines and actions to follow in the event of an emergency. Authorized participants will be placed on a list that will be checked when parents sign in to use the equipment.

The recommended hours of use are during off-peak hours from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., however parents with children have priority on this equipment at all times. For more information contact the staff at the Freedom Fitness Facility at 469-8890.



Amy Bugala

Ten different pieces of cardiovascular exercise equipment, including treadmills, ellipticals, stair steppers and stationary bikes have been dedicated for use by "Tots in Tow" participants. There is space between equipment to allow for stroller parking and to keep the little ones within line of sight.



## Sun. March 25—Spring Ahead

**REMINDER!** Don't be late! Europe will 'Spring Ahead' this year on Sun. March 25. Remember to set your clocks one hour ahead to Daylight Savings Time on Sun. March 25 at 2 a.m. The United States switched to Daylight Saving Time on March 11.

## Community Announcements

### Skateboard Park grand opening postponed!

Due to inclement weather the Skateboard park grand opening scheduled for 4 p.m. today has been postponed. The grand opening will now take place during the Month of the Military Child activities on Sat. March 31 (time to be announced). All skateboarders, inline skaters, and community residents are invited to attend. The park is located directly across the street from the Bamberg High School and will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily. Helmets, knee and elbow pads will be required. No bikes will be allowed.

### Need to Talk?

Military Family Life Consultants are available to help Soldiers and family members with all kinds of problems. Are you feeling depressed, stressed or overwhelmed? The Military Family Life Consultants provide completely confidential counseling to those in need. Counselors rotate out of the community on a monthly basis. No records are kept. Contact the consultants at CIV:0175 600 8373 or CIV:01511 6989433.

### Make a Mental Health Check

Are you puzzled about your emotions? Take an online, anonymous self-assessment available to family members and service personnel affected by deployment or mobilization at [www.MilitaryMentalHealth.org](http://www.MilitaryMentalHealth.org). The online self-assessment is available in English and Spanish. If you are feeling disconnected, angry or persistently sad, take this first step. It can help you put the pieces together.



### The POINT will merge with Bavarian News

The final issue of The Point will be distributed Fri. March 23. The bi-weekly newspaper is merging with The Bavarian News which is produced by the USAG Grafenwoehr public affairs office. The Bavarian News will be distributed to all locations where The Point is currently distributed and will include command information for and about USAGs Ansbach, Bamberg and Schweinfurt. Free classified advertising will be accepted in the same manner as in the past.

## Community Closures / Changes

### Change in hours of operation

The customer service hours for the Pass and I.D. Office will change beginning Mon. April 2. The new hours of operation will be Monday through Friday 8 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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### Fri. March 30 - Temporary closure of CAC

The Community Activity Center will close sections of the facility due to a private welcome home party for the 630th MP on Fri. Mar. 30, 2:30 p.m. The CAC's kinder corner, pool rooms and computer area will be affected. For details please contact Brad Cline at 469-8659.

### Weekly Reminders

#### Thur. March 29 - Attend Community Resource Forum

All community members are encouraged to attend the next Community Resource Forum on Thur. March 29 at 9 a.m. in the Post Briefing Room. All handouts must be submitted by Fri. March 23. If you would like to brief a topic, please contact Alfredo Bonilla at ACS at 469-8399 or 469-7777.

#### Retirees Get Red Carpet Treatment

USAG Bamberg is rolling out the red carpet for retirees on Sat. March 31. European-wide retirees (possessing a Blue Retired I.D. card) and their family members (possessing a Retired Dependent I.D. Card) are invited to attend Retiree Appreciation Day at the Basics Building on Warner Barracks in Bamberg. Starting at 9 a.m., a variety of Garrison services catering specifically to retiree's benefits will be available under one roof. Find out how to obtain and uphold your commissary and exchange privileges, or visit with representatives from the Pass and ID Office, IACS, the Dental and Health Clinic, VFW, Legal Assistance, Post Office, USAG Mail Room, Red Cross, Customs Office, Retirement Services, Public Affairs Office, ACS and many more. You've earned it, so take advantage of this opportunity to learn more.

#### Assistance will be provided for the following services:

- Updating ID Cards and passports
- Installation Access Control (IACS) Registration
- Obtaining and maintaining shopping privileges
- Benefits and claims from the VFW, Retiree Council and a V.A. Representative
- Legal Assistance
- Assignment of USAG Mail Box numbers
- Post Office support
- Registering with the customs office and customs forms
- Red Cross informational support
- International Direct Deposit
- Retirement Services
- myPay account
- Army Emergency Relief
- Keeping in touch with the military community and many more...

The Bamberg Medical clinic will be providing Dental and Optometry exams as well as blood pressure checks and records maintenance. Shuttle service will be available between the Basics Building and the Health Clinic. For more information contact the Bamberg Directorate of Human Resources at 0951-300-7713 / 8651 / 7522 or 469-7713.

### Recycle — save energy — save the environment

A little effort can make a big difference when it comes to recycling. The Bamberg recycling center reminds Warner Barracks residents to recycle paper, metal, plastic, glass, household hazardous waste, bulk refuse, tires, electronic waste, toys, Styrofoam, used clothes, bed linen, and shoes at the recycle center. The Bamberg Recycling Center is open 24 / 7. It's easier than you think! For more information contact Helmut Weis at 469-7598

#### The FACTS...

- Paper made from recycled material saves 17 trees per ton, generates 74 percent less air pollution and creates five times more jobs than paper made from trees.
- Recycling a glass bottle saves enough energy to light a 100 watt bulb for 4 hours!
- Enough energy is saved by recycling one aluminum can to operate a television for 3 hours.
- Every ton of recycled paper keeps almost 60 pounds of pollutants out of the atmosphere.  
(Source: [www.earth911.org](http://www.earth911.org))



#### Energy saving tip

The USAG Bamberg Environmental Office brings you these monthly energy saving tips!

- When cooking, put the lid on
- Switch off the lights when leaving a room
- Disconnect electrical equipment if not in use to avoid stand-by losses.

For more information contact Mr. Gerber at 469-7743

#### REMINDER: Yard Sales Require Authorization

Warner Barracks residents who wish to hold a Yard Sale must receive authorization from the USAG Bamberg Directorate of Human Resources located on the 2nd floor of Bldg. 7089 Rms. 209-211. An application from DHR must be filled out first and then taken to the customs office. For more information please contact Sigrid Villalon or Barbara Baeuerlein at 469-7713 / 8651.

#### Sell or donate household goods to Thrift Shop

If you don't have the time to organize your own Yard Sale then call the Bamberg Thrift Shop! The second hand shop is a great alternative for recycling those gently used household items back into the community! The Bamberg Spouses' and Civilians' Club Thrift Shop associates will help you consign and sell your used household items, clothing, toys and

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appliances for you. A small percentage of what you make goes back to fund their efforts, the organization and the community. Make an appointment to consign your items with the shop at 0951-32408. A drop box is located to the left of the entrance for donations.

#### Thrift Shop Operating Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thursday: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

First Saturday of the month: 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

(CLOSED Fri, Sat, Sun. and Mon.)

All proceeds go back in to the Warner Barracks community through grants and scholarships.

### Health and Safety

#### Wed. April 25 — Motorcycle Safety Course

Motorcycle riders having a state-side motorcycle license are required to obtain an endorsement by passing a Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF) Course before riding in Europe. The next MSF course for experienced riders will be offered at the Schweinfurt Drivers Testing Station on Wed. Apr. 25 at 8 a.m. The class is limited to 12 students and takes six hours to complete. Interested riders can register for the course by contacting Mr. Horst Wachter at the Bamberg Driver's Testing Station at 469-8600.

#### Drivers Course Required for Troops 26 and under

USAG Bamberg Safety Office release

The USAG Bamberg Safety Office is offering the next Intermediate Driver Safety Course on Tue. April 3 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. As of March 2007, all Soldiers 26 and under who live in Europe are

required to take the two-and-a-half hour driver's safety course geared towards reducing the number of fatalities in this high risk age group. The course will be offered twice a month in the training room of Bldg. 7119.

The Army-wide implementation of the Army Traffic Safety Program (ATSTP) training consists of six courses which are above and beyond the training required for a USAREUR driver's license. The Intermediate Driver's Training Course schedule for Bamberg Warner Barracks can be found on the IMCOM website at <http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/local/>. Click on ATSTP in the upper right hand corner then "Intermediate Driver's Training", then Bamberg. The next courses will be offered April 17 and May 1 and 15. For more information contact Mr. Robert Wachter at USAG Bamberg Safety Office at 469-1670.

#### Pet food recall

DeCA Europe Release

Commissaries worldwide have been directed to remove from their shelves certain cat and dog food products listed in a recall by Menu Foods Inc., based on a Food and Drug Administration warning issued March 17. The recall resulted from consumer complaints received by the manufacturer and from tasting trials conducted by the manufacturer.

The FDA has been informed that Menu Foods, Inc., a private-label pet food manufacturer is recalling all its "cuts and gravy" style dog and cat food produced at its facility between Dec. 3, 2006 and March 6, 2007.

The specific dog food products in the Defense Commissary Agency, Europe, stock are as follows:

- Iams dog food pouch chicken with gravy, 5.3 oz., UPC 01901400516
- Iams dog food chicken and rice entrée, 13.2 oz., UPC 01901401329
- Iams dog food beef and vegetable and gravy, 13.2 oz., UPC 01901401333
- Mighty Dog variety 12 pack 63.6 oz., - UPC 05000021253
- Mighty Dog chicken, 5.3 oz. -UPC 05000034619

**None of the recalled cat foods** are carried in DeCA Europe commissaries. European commissaries have been directed to pull these items from the shelves. Customers with product matching this description at home may return them to the Bamberg commissary for a full refund. For more information may go to [www.menufoods.com/recall](http://www.menufoods.com/recall).

### Continuing Education

#### Take next FAST Class

Sign up to take the next FAST Class Tue. April 10 through Tue. May 8. Class runs Mon. through Fri. from 9 a.m. to noon. FAST Class focuses on improving basic math and reading skills. Prior to enrollment Soldiers must stop by the Education Center and pick a memo for your commander to sign and take the Test of Adult Basic Education (TABE) 7D. The TABE will be given on Tue. April 3 at 9 a.m. Wed. April 4 at 1:30 p.m. or Thur. April 5 at 9 a.m. Contact the Bamberg Education Center for more information at 469-7715.

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## **Community Chapel**

### **Stations of the Cross**

Stations of the Cross will be held at the Chapel every Friday during Lent at 5:30 p.m. (Except Good Friday) Share in fellowship, soup and bread immediately after.

### **Seasonal Religious Services Schedule**

*(all services held at the chapel unless otherwise noted)*

#### **Catholic Holy Week Worship Schedule**

April 1	Palm Sunday	9 a.m.
April 5	Holy Thursday (Lord's Supper Service)	5:30 p.m.
April 6	Good Friday (Veneration of the Cross)	3 p.m.
April 7	Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil)	7 p.m.

#### **Sunday Services**

April 6	Lutheran (last service)	6 p.m.
April 8	Catholic Easter Sunday Mass	9 a.m.
April 8	Protestant	11 a.m.
April 8	Free Gospel (at Preston Hall)	11 a.m.
April 8	Church of God In Christ	12:45 p.m.

## **School News**

### **Wed. April 4 - Dress Code Town Hall**

The Community Town Hall scheduled on Wed. April 4 at 6 p.m. will take place at the movie theater. The current BES dress code policy for school year 2007/08 will be discussed. Parents are encouraged to attend. A vote on the policy is scheduled for May. For more information please contact Kim Kozel at 469-7891.

## **Kids & Teens**



### **Sat. March 31— Month of the Military Child Kick-Off Party!**

Bamberg Child and Youth services has put together a great program to celebrate the Month of the Military Child starting with a Kick-off Party on Saturday, March 31. The day will be filled with activities devoted to fun for all ages. Check out the schedule of events planned for the Kick-off and check back throughout the month April for more.

8 a.m.	<b>5k Fun Run / Family Walk</b> — JFK Gym
10 a.m.	MOMC Opening Ceremony
10 a.m.—2 p.m.	<b>Youth Services Open House—Bldg. 7669</b> Featuring games, races, contests, chili cook off, K-9 show (11:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.) cowboy/girl dressing, lasso throwing lessons, poster making, displays and more!
11 a.m.—1:30 p.m.	Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Bratwurst, Chips, Lemonade and cake served at the ACS Gazebo

## **CYS offers Spring Break Activities!**

Looking for something to do over spring break? USAG Bamberg Child and Youth Services has you covered! A variety of exciting trips, tours and activities are being offered daily for middle school / high school teens the week of April 9 —13. Pre-registration is required and space is limited on these trips so sign up today. For more information about the Spring Break programs listed contact Randy Lambert at 469-8641 or e-mail [randy.lambert@eur.army.mil](mailto:randy.lambert@eur.army.mil)

### **April 10—12 - Spring Break Trip to Garmisch**

#### **Sign-up by April 1**



Bamberg Child & Youth Services is offering a spring break trip to Garmisch-Partenkirchen for High School students grades 9 to 12. The trip will depart from the Bamberg Youth Services, Bldg. 7669 at 8 a.m. and will be joined by youth from Schweinfurt and Garmisch.

Trip activities include swimming, hiking, and possible side trips. Spring Breakers and staff will be staying in Kean's Lodge — youth will need to bring a sleeping bag. Trip price is \$60 per teen. Space is limited. Sign-up and payment must be made by April 1

### **Tue. April 10 - Kristall Palm Beach**

#### **Sign-up by April 6**



Youth Services is offering a one day swim trip to Kristall Palm Beach on Tue. April 10. The group will depart the YS Bldg. 7669 at 10 a.m. and will be joined by Hohenfels and Ansbach youth programs. Trip price is €15 per youth and includes a sack lunch. (bring extra euros for dinner.) Space is limited. Sign-up by April 6.

### **Wed. April 11 - Europa Park**

#### **Sign-up by April 6**



Youth Services is offering a trip for middle/high school youth to Europa Park on Wed. April 11. The bus will depart YS Bldg. 7669 at 4 a.m. and return around 11 p.m. Trip price is \$25 per youth and includes a breakfast snack and sack lunch. Please bring extra euros for any additional purchases and food. Participants must be CYS registered.

### **Sat. April 14 — Go-Cart Racing**

#### **Sign-up by April 12**



Don't miss your opportunity to jump in the drivers seat! Join the YS trip to Stucks Kart / Event Center in Gollhofen (near Ansbach) for Go-Cart Racing on Sat. April 14 This event is open to CYS registered middle/high school youth. Trip price is €30 per youth. Space is limited. Sign-up up by April 12. Participants must be CYS registered. [www.stucks-event-center.de](http://www.stucks-event-center.de). Get ready to start your engines!

## Entertainment & Leisure

### Army golf course greens fees changing April 1

IMCOM-Europe Release

HEIDELBERG, Germany- Helping ensure Army golf courses stay on par with those in the civilian sector, Installation Management Command-Europe Morale Welfare and Recreation is scheduled to adjust greens fees April 1.

Fee adjustments at Army Golf Courses will mean increased greens fees for some golfers. But according to an IMCOM-Europe MWR spokesperson, they are necessary to meet Department of the Army minimum standards as part of the corporate strategy for performance improvement.

"Golf is a program area that requires a relatively high level of revenue to adequately operate and meet or exceed customer expectations," said Dave Mattingly, IMCOM-Europe MWR Business Programs chief. "The Army golf goal is to achieve quality playing conditions comparable to mid- to high-level municipal golf courses.

Mattingly said greens fees at golf courses across the Army have not kept pace with the costs necessary to maintain and invest in the program. Low greens fees at some Army courses have had an impact on golf course and clubhouse conditions.

"Standard greens fees are being established to ensure fairness, consistency and common levels of service across the Army for all golf courses," he said.

Daily and weekend greens fees will now be the same at all 18-hole Army golf courses in Europe. The greatest increase will be \$4 for daily and \$6 for weekend greens fees; E6 and above will now pay \$17 greens fees on a weekday and \$23 on a weekend. Junior enlisted (E1-E5) will see their greens fees go up only \$2, to \$13 on weekdays and \$17 on weekends.

Prices for youth golfers will go down. Golfers age 16 years of age and younger will pay \$8 daily greens fees and \$10 weekend greens fees under the new fee structure – down from the current \$11 and \$15.

For regular golfers who want to save by paying annual greens fees, prices will increase by \$5 to \$250 for junior enlisted (E1-E5); the annual family fee for junior enlisted will be \$350. Annual greens fees for golfers E6 and above will be \$550, or a \$750 family fee.

"The corporate strategy policy requires that Europe region golf courses charge fees that comply with minimum standards within two years of the policy publication in July 2006," Mattingly said. "We will work with garrisons to increase prices annually toward these necessary green fees minimums as set by Department of the Army."

Policy guidelines mandate that fees must rise annually to keep pace with increased operating costs, said Mattingly. According to the policy, increasing fees on an annual basis is a more sound business practice and more equitable for golf patrons than raising fees infrequently, which often requires a much larger increase. *(continued on next page)*

The Army has three 18-hole golf courses in Europe: Heidelberg Golf Course; Rheinblick Golf Course in Wiesbaden; and the Stuttgart Golf Course. The Rolling Hills Golf Course in Baumholder and the Whispering Pines Golf Course in Bamberg are both Nine-hole golf courses.

### Wuerzburg International Ski Club

#### April 27–29 – End of Season Ski Trip to Ischgl



Ischgl, Austria - Top of the Mountain Concert in the snow with BEYONCE. Trip cost is 235 Euro per person and includes transportation, 2 nights stay with breakfast and dinner. Lift tickets (which doubles as your concert ticket) must be purchased separately. For more information go to [www.ischgl.ai](http://www.ischgl.ai). There is a link for English.

### WISC is looking for committee members

The Wuerzburg International Ski Club (WISC) is looking for people in the Bamberg/Schweinfurt area to serve as committee members for next years club.

Every year WISC organizes over a dozen trips for members in the Wuerzburg, Schweinfurt and Bamberg areas including a Holiday Street car party, a fall hayride, a wine tasting at a local vineyard and ski / snowboard trips. It's easy to join and even easier to participate. A yearly schedule of trips can be found online at [www.wskiclub.org](http://www.wskiclub.org). If you are interested in acting on a committee contact Candace Merritt to find out more [candace.merritt@us.army.mil](mailto:candace.merritt@us.army.mil).

### AAFES Bamberg Movie Schedule

AAFES Reeltime Theater is  
CLOSED Tues. and Wed.



Fri.	Mar. 23	300 (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 24	Stomp the Yard (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		300 (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	Mar. 25	Stomp the Yard (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Freedom Writers (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	Mar. 26	300 (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	Mar. 29	Freedom Writers (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Fri.	Mar. 30	Dreamgirls (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sat.	Mar. 31	The Queen (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Dreamgirls (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Sun.	April 1	The Queen (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Shooter (R)	7 p.m.
Mon.	April 2	Dreamgirls (R)	7 p.m.
Thur.	April 5	Shooter (R)	7 p.m.
Fri.	April 6	Reign Over Me (R)	7 p.m.
Sat.	April 7	Epic Movie (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Reign Over Me (R)	7 p.m.
Sun.	April 8	Epic Movie (PG-13)	4 p.m.
		Blood & Chocolate (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Mon.	April 9	Epic Movie (PG-13)	7 p.m.
Thur.	April 12	Blood & Chocolate (PG-13)	7 p.m.

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## Outside the Gate

### **Weekend Events in and around Bamberg**

#### **Friday, March 23**

- 8 p.m. Pressburger Klezmer Band at Haas-Säle  
(Obere Sandstraße 7)
- 8:30 p.m. Bands On Stage I at Live-Club  
(Obere Sandstraße 7)
- 9 p.m. Klaus Paier TRio - Tango und Bandoneon  
at Jazzkeller (Obere Sandstrs. 18)
- 9 p.m. Brazilian Night at Sound'n'Art (Obere Sandstraße 20)
- 9 p.m. Punkrock-Explosion at SubOptimal Stage Club  
Boettgerstr. 4)
- 9 p.m. "Manuel Stübinger Quartett" (Jazz) at Club  
Kaulberg (Unterer Kaulberg 36)
- 9 p.m. Torben Stock & Julius at Blues Bar  
(Obere Sandstraße 18)
- 10 p.m. Dröönland (Alternative, Rock) at Morph Club  
(Siechenstraße 7a)

#### **Saturday, March 24**

- 9 a.m. Kids items flea market by the Kinderschutzbund  
at the Neptune fountain, downtown shopping  
area open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 8 p.m. Ensemble Musica viva, Barock music at  
Neues Palais (Luitpoldstr. 40a)
- 8 p.m. Die Schürzenjäger (Bavarian Rock) at Jako Arena  
(Forchheimerstrasse 15, next to Kaufland store)
- 8 p.m. Klezmer Music Fialke at Haas-Säle  
(Obere Sandstraße 7)
- 8:30 p.m. Bands on Stage II at Live-Club (Obere Sandstraße 7)
- 9 p.m. Alcalica - Electronic Sound made in Berlin  
(live) at Sound'n'Art (Obere Sandstraße 20)
- 9 p.m. Metal-concert w. Angelus Mortis,  
Beneath Flowers und Earthflight at SubOptimal  
Stage Club (Böttgerstraße 4)
- 9 p.m. "Downbeat" (Bigband) at Club Kaulberg  
(Unterer Kaulberg 36)
- 9 p.m. Sean Salttery at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)
- 10 p.m. 30 plus party (non smoking) at Live-Club  
(Obere Sandstraße 7)

#### **Sunday, March 25**

- 3 p.m. Spring Soccer Tourney at Pelikan  
(Untere Sandstraße 45), sign up till March 23
- 5 p.m. Basketball League: Brose Baskets play  
Rheinenergie Cologne at Jako Arena
- 6 p.m. "The Flying Dutchman", Opera by Wagner at String  
Puppet Theater Loose (Untere Sandstraße 30)
- 8 p.m. Klezmer Music Days - Mark Aizikovitsch &  
Burkhard Seidemann at Haas-Säle  
(Obere Sandstraße 7)
- 9 p.m. Open Sessions with Heiner, Martin & Friends at  
Sound'n'Art (Obere Sandstraße 20)
- 9 p.m. Florian Baessler at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)

#### **Monday, March 26**

- 8:30 p.m. Impro-Theater: Anonyme Improniker  
at Jazzkeller (Obere Sandstrs. 18)
- 9 p.m. Dance at Live-Club (Obere Sandstrasse 7)

#### **Tuesday, March 27**

- 9 p.m. Jörg Schaub (solo) at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)

#### **Wednesday, March 28**

- 8 p.m. Irish Folk concert with Ben Sand at Studio 13  
(Luitpoldstr. 40)
- 9 p.m. UI - The Lonesome (Accoustic Guitar/Vocals)  
at Sound'n'Art (Obere Sandstraße 20)
- 9 p.m. Sebbo at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)
- 9 p.m. Pit Pop with DJ Peter at Stilbruch (Obere Sandstraße 18)

#### **Thursday, March 29**

- 9 p.m. Open Cabaret at Sound'n'Art (Obere Sandstraße 20)
- 9 p.m. Andi Lauth at Blues Bar (Obere Sandstraße 18)
- 10 p.m. Pop'in Mary (Indie, Electro, Wave, Rock) at Morph  
Club (Siechenstrasse 7a)



#### **Get a taste of the NBA in Bamberg**

By Nicole Karsch-Meibom, PAO

The Bamberg based Brose Baskets will host current champion Rhein Energie Cologne in the fan-packed JAKO Arena this Sunday, March 25 in a battle for a top-three seat in the German Basketball League.

After a rocky season start, the former champions are heating up moving from a fourth place play-off performance to a streak of six consecutive wins. The Bamberg team is ready to take revenge on their opponent Rhein Energie Cologne.

Current German champion Cologne, now faces a stronger home team line-up with Bamberg adding German National Team point guard Steffen Hamann, NBA veteran and do-it-all swingman Casey Jacobsen as well as the former Duke star, Sean Dockery, to their roster.



Photo: Brose Baskets

Changing its name to Brose Baskets in the summer of 2006, the team is looking back on 30 years of basketball history. The Bamberg club has had its share of ups and downs, but has always been followed by an enthusiastic crowd of diehard-fans known as "Freak City". The 2005 champions also won a German Cup title in 1992, and qualified for the European tournament several times. Bamberg made history in the 2005-06 Euroleague regular season when it became the first German team to make it to the Top 16.

For the latest Brose Baskets Basketball news and action visit [www.brosebaskets.de](http://www.brosebaskets.de). Ticket hotline for all games is 0951-23837.



**As seen in the Fränkischer Tag ...****Fränkischer Tag.de****News summaries from March 16 through March 22****Steinmeier warns against division of Europe by U.S. missile shield**

Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier has warned against a new arms race. The concern arises in connection with American plans to build a missile-defense shield in Eastern Europe. Steinmeier said that Europe must prevent the development of a division within the continent, as a result of the dispute over the missiles, such as occurred once before in the Cold War.

**Warning against hysteria over terrorist threats**

Federal Internal Affairs Minister Wolfgang Schäuble (CDU) and Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier (SPD) have warned against overreacting to internet-based threats of terrorism against Germany. Schäuble said: "It certainly makes no sense to fall into a kind of public hysteria because of such messages". Steinmeier warned: "Let's not fall into the trap of those who want to create an atmosphere of fear in Germany".

**More money for retirees**

After three times without a rise, this time retirees will get more money in the future. The increase amounts to 0.54 percent, an average of 6 Euros per person. Social institutions criticized this for not being enough.

**Biathlon: Andrea Henkel wins overall World Cup**

Biathlete Andrea Henkel of Grossbreitenbach, Thuringia, has won her first overall World Cup. She profited from weak results by her competitors Kati Wilhelm and Anna Carin Olofsson of Sweden.

**Biting biker**

A biker who had tried to steal another bike in downtown Bamberg was caught by the police. When the officers encountered the man, he hit them and even tried to bite them on the hand.

**Long-distance swimming championships:****Gold for Thomas Lurz**

At the long-distance swimming World Championships in Melbourne, Australia, defending champion Thomas Lurz again took the gold medal in the five-kilometer event. The Würzburg native narrowly beat Evgeny Drattsev of Russia. Lurz has won the gold four times in the last three years.

**Ticks alarm**

In Middle Franconia the first case of meningitis has been found as early as January. Due to the warm winter, the threat of a tick bite has increased tremendously. The Minister for Health, Werner Schnappauf, strongly recommends that all Bavarians get immunized.

**Money trouble**

County Commissioner Dr. Guenther Denzler wants to lift the financial burden of the local communities of Upper Franconia by 6.2 million Euros. His announcement disgruntled the chief of the regional CSU fraction, Reinhard Leutner who claimed he wasn't notified of the plan. Denzler and Leutner have been known to disagree.

**New name to bring better image**

The director of the Museum of History in Bamberg invited the citizens of Bamberg to think of a new name for the museum. The name is to attract more visitors.

**Decision been made already?**

The city construction authorities have informed politicians that despite rumors the decision on the future design of the Ketten-Brücke downtown has more or less already been made. Construction work will begin in 2009. This is a major blow in the face for the city council because initially the politicians assumed that the final decision was still to be made at a meeting on March 28.

**Vandalism in Bamberg**

An increasing number of cases of vandalism including scratched cars and broken windows worry the community. The vandalism happened mostly on the weekends. The police feel helpless. A shop owner even offered a reward of 1,000 Euros to catch the delinquents.

**Bamberg Brose Baskets win against the Ice Bears**

It was a narrow victory against Bremerhaven. The Bamberg basketball team won 59:57 against the team from northern Germany. With this win, the Brose Baskets made it to number 4 in the national ranking.

**Falcons at Gaustadt**

Right up on the Erba Tower in Gaustadt a couple of falcons – one of only 160 in Bavaria – have been found nesting. The peregrine falcons are currently hatching and chicks are expected around Easter. Due to a camera near their home, the birds can be watched at the Sparkasse bank in Gaustadt.

**Burglar left his credit card**

When a man woke up from hearing strange noises he called the police. The officers noticed that a burglar had attempted to enter the home. He had tried to open the door with his credit card. As it broke to pieces, the delinquent ran away – but left his card. It was a neighbor.